

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Bureau COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) **Plaintiff;** )  
 )  
 ) NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
VS. )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Defendant's Name) **Defendant.** )

**JOINT AFFIDAVIT REGARDING SEPARATION OF THE PARTIES,  
DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND WAIVER OF BIFURCATED HEARING**

NOW COME \_\_\_\_\_, Plaintiff, and \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) (Type or Print Defendant's Name)

Defendant, and being first sworn on their oaths, depose and state as follows:

- 1 - That irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage.
- 2 That all efforts at reconciliation of the differences between the parties have heretofore failed and future attempts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interest of the parties.
- 3 That the parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period of more than six (6) months prior to the date of this affidavit, having separated on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ and having remained living separate for all times thereafter.  
(Month) (Day) (Year)
- 4 a. That each of the parties hereto expressly waive the requirement that the continuous period of living separate and apart be in excess of two (2) years in order for the Court to enter a Dissolution of Marriage based upon irreconcilable differences which have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage; and,  
b. Each of the parties further stipulates that the requirement shall be reduced to a period only in excess of six (6) months rather than in excess of two (2) years as provided by Section 401 (a) (2) of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
- 5 That the marital property belonging to the parties has been divided according to the terms of the written agreement of the parties filed with the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in this cause, and that the parties have executed all documents required to carry out the agreement.
- 6 That the parties waive any right either may have to a bifurcated hearing in this cause.
- 7 That each of the parties represents that their signing of this Affidavit is their individual, sole, voluntary act.

**Plaintiff**

(Plaintiff's Signature)

**Defendant**

(Defendant's Signature)

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF       -----j

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name)  
I have read the foregoing Joint Affidavit, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same to be  
true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Plaintiff**

(Plaintiff's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF       -----j

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that  
(Type or Print Defendant's Name)  
I have read the foregoing Joint Affidavit, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same to be  
true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Defendant**

(Defendant's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC